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TO FAA WASHDC

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FAA CHIEF CIVIL AEROMEDICAL INSTITUTE OKLAHOMA CITY

UNCLAS MONROVIA 2579

FAA WASHDC FOR AFS-50

BRUSSELS, BEIRUT AND LAGOS FOR FAA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, LI

SUBJ: REPORT BY WHEATLEY/MARTINEZ ON C-401 ACCIDENT

REF: MONROVIA 2463

1. REFERENCE AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT LIBERIA CESSNA 401 EL-AFC COLLECTION
OF FACTUAL DATA COMPLETED. TWELVE EYEWITNESS INTERVIEWS COMPLETED.

2. FAA TEAM HAND CARRYING RIGHT ENGINE TURBO COMPRESSOR
EXHAUST STACK TO USA FOR FAA METALLURGICAL LABORATORY ANALYSIS.
UNLESS PROVED OTHERWISE STRONGLY SUSPECT BROKEN EXHAUST STACK
POSSIBLE REASON FOR RIGHT ENGINE SHUTDOWN.

3. RIGHT ENGINE NOT YET RECOVERED. SEARCH CONTINUES BY LOCAL DCA.
IF FOUND, WILL BE SHIPPED TO FAA USA FOR ANALYSIS.

4. EYEWITNESSES INDICATE AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF FROM UNLIGHTED RUNWAY
TURNED RIGHT THEN CRASHED INTO OCEAN 225 DEGREES MAGNETIC AND
ONE NAUTICAL MILE FROM END OF RUNWAY 20.

5. AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE FOUND BY DIVERS AT DEPTH OF 36 FEET AND IN
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INVERTED POSITION. PRELIMINARY FINDINGS SHOW AIRCRAFT STRUCK

WATER IN NOSE DOWN BANKED ATTITUDE.

6. CESSNA REPS HAND CARRYING AEROMEDICAL TOXICOLOGICAL SPECIMENS BOX TO FAA CAMI OKLAHOMA. SPECIMENS ARE FROM PILOT'S BODY AND ONE PASSENGER.

7. CESSNA REPS RETURNING USA SATURDAY MAY 10. FAA TEAM ARRIVING NEW YORK SUNDAY MAY 11. TOX BOX SPECIMENS ETA FAA AEROMEDICAL CENTER OKC MAY 11.

8. AMERICAN EMBASSY AND LOCAL CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES HAVE PROVIDED SUPERIOR ASSISTANCE.

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